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Via mail

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Via mail and facsimile (312/886-0747)

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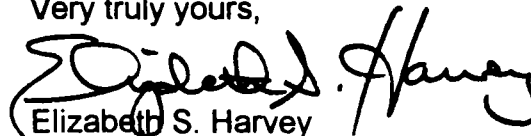
RE: Response to Section 104(e) Information Request  
Southeast Rockford Groundwater Superfund Site,  
Rockford, Illinois---Area 7/Glen Ekberg

Dear Mr. Hart and Mr. Turner:

Enclosed please find Mr. Ekberg's response to USEPA's Section 104(e) information request. Pursuant to November 15, 2000 correspondence from Mr. Turner, Mr. Ekberg's time to respond to the information request was extended to today, November 27, 2000.

We look forward to working cooperatively with USEPA. Please contact me if you have questions.

Very truly yours,

  
Elizabeth S. Harvey

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Ekberg (w/ enc.)

**RESPONSE TO USEPA INFORMATION REQUEST**  
**SOUTHEAST ROCKFORD GROUNDWATER SITE--AREA/GLEN EKBERG**

November 27, 2000

1. Glen Ekberg, 3161 Forest View Road, Rockford, IL 61109, 815/398-4150. Mr. Ekberg's attorneys assisted in the preparation of this response.
2. Nothing other than the documents identified in Response No. 12, below, and documents generated by USEPA.
3. None.
4. None.
5. Mr. Ekberg owns the property immediately north and east of Ekberg Park, in Rockford, Illinois. (Ekberg Park encompasses the area known as Area 7, Southeast Rockford Groundwater Superfund Site.) Mr. Ekberg is in the process of bringing clean fill (dirt) to the area immediately north and east of Area 7, for the purpose of equalizing the surface grade between Area 7 and Mr. Ekberg's property to the north and east. The grade will match the level of the railroad tracks on the north side of the property. Only clean fill material is being used. These activities (which have stopped for the winter) do not require the use of, and have not resulted in releases of any hazardous substances, including mixtures of hazardous substances with petroleum products or other nonhazardous substances.

This background information is provided to assist USEPA's understanding of Mr. Ekberg's statement that he is unaware of a release or threat of release on his property. Thus, he is unable to identify the acts or omissions of any person that may have caused a release or threat of a release on his property.

6. As noted in Response No. 5, no hazardous substances are generated, transported, treated, disposed, released, or handled on Mr. Ekberg's property.
7. No. See Response No. 5.
8. No. No testing or sampling has occurred, and none is planned.
9. Mr. Ekberg is in the process of identifying all applicable insurance policies. Those policies will be available for inspection upon USEPA's request.
  1. Income tax returns for the past 5 years are available for inspection at USEPA's request.

Identification

Common Address: 3000 South Alpine Road  
Rockford, Illinois

Property Identification Number: 257B-131, 257C-515

Legal Description:

That part of the Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 5 in Township 43 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian. Winnebago County, Illinois, lying Southerly of the Illinois Central Railroad right of way: excepting highways.

Also part of the East Half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the South West Quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of said Section Five (5), Township and Range aforesaid, described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the North East corner of said quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) section; thence, South, along the East line of said quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) section, twenty-two (22) rods; thence West, parallel with the North line of said quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) section to the West line of the East Half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the South West Quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of said Section Five (5); thence North along said West line, twenty-two (22) rods to the North line of said quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) section; thence East along said North line to the place of beginning; excepting from the last described tract a lane two (2) rods in width across the North side thereof, as same is described in Warranty Deed from Adelia Barnum et al to Daniel H. Barnum, dated April 1, 1871 and recorded in Book 89 of Deeds, page 496 in said Recorder's Office; excepting the rights granted to Central Illinois Electric and Gas Co., by instrument dated April 25, 1951 and recorded in Book 767 of Recorder's Records, page 16 in said Recorder's Office.

and also,

The North 2 rods of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 43 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian, excepting therefrom that part thereof conveyed to the State of Illinois, for the use of the Department of Public Works and Buildings by Warranty Deed dated July 29, 1963 and recorded August 16, 1963 in Book 1406 on Page 61, in Winnebago County, Illinois.

The North Half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the West Half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the South West Quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Five (5), Township Forty-three (43) North, Range Two (2) East of the Third (3rd) Principal Meridian, excepting the rights of the Central Illinois Electric and Gas Co., over said premises as described in instrument dated April 19, 1951 and recorded in Book 767 of Recorder's Records on page 18 in the Recorder's Office of Winnebago County, Illinois.

Also the East thirty-three (33) feet in width of the South Half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the West Half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the South West Quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of said Section Five (5), township and range aforesaid; excepting the South three hundred (300) feet thereof conveyed by Harry W. Littlejohn and Myrtle I. Littlejohn, his wife, to Union Grange No. 511 by Warranty Deed dated April 16, 1949 and recorded in Book 655 of Recorder's Records on page 458 in said Recorder's Office.

Also part of the West Half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the South West Quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of said Section Five (5), township and range aforesaid bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point in the North line of Sandy Hollow Road two hundred (200) feet West of the East line of said eighty (80) acre tract, and thirty-three (33) feet North of the South line of said section; thence North, parallel with the East line of the West Half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the South West Quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of said section two hundred sixty-seven (267) feet; thence East, parallel with the South line of said section, one hundred sixty-seven (167) feet; thence North, parallel with the East line of the West Half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the South West Quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of said section, thirty-three (33) feet; thence West, parallel with the South line of said section, two hundred (200) feet; thence South parallel with the East line of the West half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the South West Quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of said section three hundred (300) feet to the North line of Sandy Hollow Road, thence East along said North line thirty-three (33) feet to the place of beginning.

Date of Inspection: May 21, 1985

2. Not applicable----respondent is not a corporation.
3. Not applicable----respondent is not a partnership.
4. Not applicable----respondent is an individual. Ownership of the property is held in trust.
- 5(a)-(q). None. As explained in Response No. 5, there has been no release, disposal, or treatment of hazardous substances at Mr. Ekberg's property.
10. See Response No. 5. The only activity on Mr. Ekberg's property is the filling and grading activity previously described. There has been no purchase, receipt, processing, storage, treatment, disposal, or handling of hazardous substances at the property.
11. Mr. Ekberg purchased the property in 1964.
12.
  - a) Legal description is attached.
  - b) The only underground utility is a sewer trunk line, located deep below the surface.
  - c) None, except the supports for a high tension power line running east and west on the property.
  - d) USEPA has installed groundwater monitoring wells on Mr. Ekberg's property. Information regarding those wells is in USEPA's possession, and not in Mr. Ekberg's possession. The approximate location of those monitoring wells is marked on the hand-drawn sketch (see (g) below).
  - e) No formal system. Storm water naturally runs off under the railroad tracks (see hand-drawn sketch, (g) below).
  - f) As noted above (see Response No. 5), the activity on the property is filling and grading, which will equalize the surface grade between Area 7 and Mr. Ekberg's property. As part of that activity, sewer manholes have been raised to grade.
  - g) Attached are a map of the area, and a hand-drawn sketch (not to scale) of Mr. Ekberg's property.
13. None.

14. None.
15. No investigations of soil, water, geology, hydrology, or air quality are planned.
16. None. See Response 5.
17. No. See Response 5.
18. No. See Response 5.
19. Soil has been graded and filled, but not removed or excavated.
- a) Approximately 10,000 yards of clean fill have been used at the property. The equipment used is bulldozer and endloader.
  - b) The fill location is marked on the attached hand-drawn sketch.
  - c) No material is disposed of or stored.
  - d) Work began in March 1997, and continues intermittently to the present. Almost no work is done in the winter season.
  - e) Grading activities are performed by Mr. Bill Atkinson, Bill Atkinson Excavating, Rockford, Illinois, 815/874-2879. Mr. Atkinson carries liability insurance, observes all required and customary safety precautions, and acts with due care. Activities are authorized by Mr. Ekberg.
  - f) As explained in Response No. 5, the filling and grading activities are being conducted to equalize the surface grading between Area 7 and Mr. Ekberg's property to the north. The site is being prepared for future industrial development.
  - g) No.
  - h) Not applicable. No soil has been removed from the site.
  - i) Mr. Ekberg, and Mr. Atkinson.
20. None.
21. None. As explained above (see Response Nos. 5 and 6), there have been no transactions regarding the release, receipt, or storage of hazardous substances on Mr. Ekberg's property.

